

FY 2005 RANKING CRITERIA WORKSHEET- GRAZING LANDS

RATON FIELD OFFICE

Applicant: _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ CMS Field No's. _____ Date: _____

Tribal Land _____ Non-Tribal Land _____ Preliminary Rating ____ Final Rating ____

1. Plants - 100_ Potential Points (25-50% of Total)

| Note: Instructions on separate sheet | | % Area in Contract Before Treatment | % Area in Contract After Treatment. | Potential Points | Bench-mark Points | After Points |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Rangelands: | SI of 76-1 00 w/trend up or not apparent | % | ___ + ___ + ___ = | % | 100 | |
| Ecological | SI of 51-75 with upward trend | % | ___ + ___ + ___ = | % | 90 | |
| Site | SI of 51-75 with downward trend | % | ___ + ___ + ___ = | % | 70 | |
| Similarity | SI of 26-50 with upward trend | % | ___ + ___ + ___ = | % | 60 | |
| Index | SI of 26-50 with downward trend | % | ___ + ___ + ___ = | % | 50 | |
| (SI)* | SI of 0-25 with upward trend | % | ___ + ___ + ___ = | % | 40 | |
| | SI of 0-25 with downward trend | % | ___ + ___ + ___ = | % | | |
| Riparian: | Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3 | % Quality Bench Mark: _____ | % | % Quality After: _____ | % | 100 |
| Grazed Forest: | NA | % Quality Bench Mark: _____ | % | % Quality After: _____ | % | 100 |
| 1. Plants | | Total | 100% | Total | 100% | Total: |

2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - _120_ Potential Points (25-65% of Total)

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| Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the conservation plan of operations must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans. Select resource concerns from NM Quality Criteria Guide. | | Potential Points | Percent of Need to be Installed | After Points |
| Practices address the following resources concerns: | | | | |
| Soil Erosion (Classic Gully) | | | | |
| Grade Stabilization (410) or Diversion (362) | | 10 | | |
| Soil Erosion (sheet & rill); Water(Inefficient use); Plants (Productivity, health & Vigor); Animals (Domestic-Inadequate quantity & quality of feed & water) | | | | |
| Water Development / Fence implementing improved grazing management | | | | |
| Well (642), Trough (614), Pipeline (516), Pond (378), Fence (382) | | | | |
| Fence or water developments for: 1 pasture | | 10 | | |
| 2 pastures | | 20 | | |
| 3 pastures | | 30 | | |
| 4 pastures | | 40 | | |
| 5 or more pastures | | 50 | | |
| Brush Management (314) % Treated vs Area Needing Treatment X 40 points | | 40 | | |
| Windbreak establishment (380), Range Planting (550) | | 10 | | |
| Animals-Fish and Wildlife (Plant community fragmentation) | | | | |
| Pest Management (595) (Listed introduced species controlled) | | 10 | | |
| 2. Conservation Practice Selection | | Total: | | |

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3. Other Considerations - 30 Potential Points (10-25% of Total)

| Items A thru D are required. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to <u>recommend</u> based on LWG advice, please include them as item E. | Potential Points | Bench-mark Points | After Points |
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| A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced. | 5 | | |
| B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment. | 5 | | |
| C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 309 project. | 5 | | |
| D. The land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed. | 5 | | |
| E. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate the listed Class A introduced noxious weeds | 10 | | |
| 3. Other Considerations | Total: | | |

Total Points (After minus Benchmark): Section 1 _____ Section 2 _____ Section 3 _____ Total for Worksheet _____*

*** Minimum points for enrollment is- 30**

Designated Conservationist

Date

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